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SUBJ: ECONADS: CSCE-RELATED DANISH PROPOSAL FOR SUMPOSIUM
ON ARCTIC CONSTRUCTION AND ADMINISTRATION

SUMMARY: DANISH ECONAD (ANDERSEN) HAS CIRCULATED LETTER
(TEXT BELOW) INFORMING ECONOMIC COMMITTEE OF SUBJECT
DANISH PROPOSAL AND SUBMITTING MATTER FOR CONSULTATION IN
ECONADS. LETTER NOTES THAT FURTHER ACTION BY DANISH
AUTHORITIES WILL BE SUSPENDED PENDING OUTCOME OF ECONADS
DISCUSSION. MEMBERS' COMMENTS ARE INVITED ASAP BUT IN ANY
EVENT IN TIME FOR NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON JULY
15. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO CONFIRM US
"POSITIVE REACTION" ON PROPOSAL, MENTIONED IN DANISH NOTE,
PLUS ANY OTHER COMMENTS WASHINGTON MAY SUGGESTED WE MAKE AT
JULY 15 ECONADS MEETING. END SUMMARY.

1. WE QUOTE IN PARA 2 BELOW THE TEXT OF A LETTER FROM THE
DANISH ECONAD, SEEKING MEMBER VIEWS ON A PROPOSED SYMPOSIUM-
IN CSCE BASKET II CONTEXT - ON ARCTIC PROBLEMS.

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2. BEGIN TEXT OF LETTER:

DEAR COLLEAGUE,

AS AN ORDINARY MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE
IS NOT SCHEDULED UNTIL THE 15TH OF JULY I SUBMIT
THE FOLLOWING MATTER TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

THE PASSAGE CONCERNING SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN
CHAPTER II OF THE FINAL ACT OF THE CSCE DEALS I.A.
WITH RESEARCH ON TRANSPORTATION AND CONSTRUCTION
TECHNOLOGIES AND PROBLEMS OF LIFE UNDER CONDITIONS
OF COLD.

WITH A VIEW TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT
THE DANISH AUTHORITIES THINK THAT IT MIGHT BE IN
THE INTEREST OF THOSE OF THE PARTICIPATING STATES
WHOSE TERRITORIES EXTEND NORTH OF THE POLAR CIRCLE
TO GET THE OPPORTUNITY OF EXCHANGING VIEWS AND
EXPERIENCES CONCERNING THEIR RESULTS WITHIN
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY UNDER ARCTIC
CONDITIONS AND GENERAL PROBLEMS RELATED TO ADMINI-
STRATION AND PLANNING IN SUCH AREAS.

THE MINISTER OF GREENLAND IN COPENHAGEN IN PREPARED
TO CONVENE A SYMPOSIUM OF THESE MATTERS WHICH COULD
TAKE PLACE IN GREENLAND IN LATE SEPTEMBER 1977. AS
PARTICIPANTS MY AUTHORITIES PROPOSE CANADA, DENMARK,
FINLAND, ICELAND, NORWAY, U.S.S.R., SWEDEN, AND
U.S.A.

THE MATTER IS HEREBY SUBMITTED TO THE ECONOMIC
COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION, ALL MEMBERS STATES
OF THE ALLIANCE BEING INVITED TO EXPRESS THEIR
VIEWS ON THE PROPOSAL'S RELATION TO THE FINAL ACT,
ITS POSSIBLE PREJUDICING EFFECTS ETC. THROUGH
OUR EMBASSIES IN OTTAWA, OSLO AND WASHINGTON MY
AUTHORITIES HAVE ALREADY INFORMALLY ASKED FOR THE
VIEWS OF THE THREE MEMBER STATES AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS,
CANADA, NORWAY AND U.S.A. AND RECEIVED A POSITIVE
REACTION.

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MY AUTHORITIES WILL SUSPEND FURTHER ACTION IN
THIS MATTER AWAITING THE OUTCOME OF THE DIS-
CUSSION IN THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE.

CONSIDERING THE LENGTH OF TIME BEFORE THE NEXT
ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE I SHOULD,
HOWEVER, VERY MUCH APPRECIATE TO RECEIVE BEFORE
THE MEETING ANY COMMENTS THE MEMBERS OF THE

COMMITTEE MIGHT WISH TO MAKE.

I AM OF COURSE READY TO GIVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION
YOU MIGHT WISH TO OBTAIN ON THE MATTER.
END TEXT.

3. MISSION COMMENT: AS NOTED IN THE SECOND PARA
OF THE LETTER, THE DANISH PROPOSAL APPEARS TO BE TIED
QUITE CLOSELY TO THE CSCE FINAL ACT. NEVERTHELESS, WE
ASSUME WASHINGTON CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSAL WILL WISH
TO FACTOR IN THE POSSIBLE IMPACT OF THE US SUPPORT FOR THIS
MEETING (ADMITTEDLY SPECIFIC AND LIMITED ATTENDANCE)
CONTRASTED WITH OUR OPPOSITION TO THE SOVIET PROPOSALS
FOR MUCH BROADER, LARGER CONFERENCES ON ENERGY, TRANSPORTATION,
AND ENVIRONMENT. OUR PREFERENCE, OF COURSE, WOULD BE
TO GO ALONG WITH THE DANISH SUGGESTION. END COMMENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE FOR RESPONSE TO THE DANISH
LETTER, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT IN ANY VET IN TIME FOR
THE JULY 15 ECONADS MEETING. AS NOTED ABOVE, WE WOULD
PREFER TO BE ABLE TO CONFIRM THE INFORMAL "POSITIVE REACTION"
REPORTEDLY ALREADY GIVEN TO DANISH EMBASSY WASHINGTON.
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